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REMARKS

Claims 6-11, 16, and 31-36 are currently amended. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments contained herein are fully supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed and do not contain new matter. Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15, 17-26, 28-30, and 37-45 are currently canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 12-16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Park et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0024860). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 2 is indicated as being allowed. Claim 16 depends from claim 2 and is thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 2. Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15, 17-19, and 23-25 are canceled, mooting the rejection thereof.

Claims 26, 28-30, 37-40, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weldon et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0190215). Claims 26, 28-30, 37-40, and 42 are canceled, mooting the rejection thereof.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6-7, 8-11, 20, 21, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0024860). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 2 is indicated as being allowed. Claims 6-7 and 8-11 depend from claim 2 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 2. Claims 20, 21, and 22 are canceled, mooting the rejection thereof.

Claims 31-32, 33-36, 41, and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weldon et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0190215). Applicant respectfully traverses.

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Claim 27 is indicated as being allowed. Claims 31-36 depend from claim 27 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 27. Claims 41 and 43-45 are canceled, mooting the rejection thereof.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges that claims 2, 27, and 88-107 are allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501373.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

Respectfully submitted,

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